



Attorney Docket No. T9376.DIV1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: PETER PAL VARGA et al. )  
TITLE: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACING )  
IMPLANT SYSTEM )  
SERIAL NO.: 10/055,673 ) PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R.  
FILED: January 22, 2002 ) §1.136(a)  
EXAMINER: D. Willse )  
ART UNIT: 3738 )

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Office Action dated May 4, 2004, be extended for three months until November 4, 2004. Submitted herewith is a completed Form PTO-2038 authorizing the Commissioner to charge the required fee of \$435 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a), (3) to the credit card indicated. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0836.

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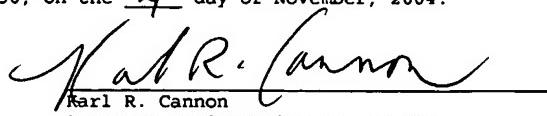
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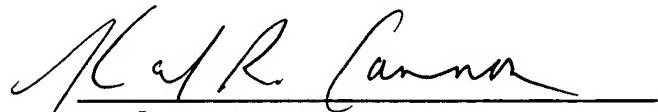
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